

LUNENBURG BOARD OF HEALTH
MEETING MINUTES
May 4, 2015

The Board of Health met at 7:00 pm at the Ritter Memorial Building

Present: George Emond, Dave Shea, Perry Jewell, Dave Passios, Paul Fortin

MINUTES APPROVED:

TITLE 5 INSPECTION REPORTS ACKNOWLEDGED:

15 John Street
45 Otis Street
5 Upland
73 Horizon Island Road
173 Hollis Road
42 Beal Street
15 Fitchview
163 Sunny Hill Road
300 Cross Road

SEPTIC PERMITS SIGNED:

1455 Mass Avenue

1259 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

Jonathan Markey as well as Josh Brianas met with the Board. Mr. Markey is requesting a well variance as follows: Setback from a property line, 50 feet required, 25 feet proposed.

Currently, there is a commercial structure that is served by public water. Mr. Brianas is proposing to construct a new building, which will include a restroom. The cost of running public water to the new building is prohibitive. He is proposing to drill a well which will only serve the new building, keeping the existing building on public water.

Chairman Emond read Agent Garreffo comments which state that he is not in favor of approving this variance. Mr. Garreffo has concerns with cross contamination between the well and public water as well as contamination from chemicals stored in the new building.

Mr. Brianas was asked what the possibility of connecting both buildings to the well would be. This would eliminate the concern of cross contamination. He stated that in the future it could be a possibility.

Chairman Emond asked for a motion on the requested variance as submitted. Motion made by Mr. Passios, seconded by Mr. Fortin. Members voted as follows:

Emond – No

Passios – No
Shea – Yes
Fortin – Yes
Jewell – Abstain

The vote did not carry.

Mr. Markey asked to if he could submit another proposal at a later date. The Board agreed.

1455 MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE

Dan Proctor met with the Board of behalf of the owner. This system is in failure. This lot is connected to public water. The lot is very wet and at the time of testing a perc test could not be completed. A sieve analysis was conducted to determine the perc rate. All of the requested variances, offset to ground water, sieve analysis and reduction in inlet and outlet tees are related to the wetness of the site.

After discussion and on motion by Jewell and second by Passios, the variances were approved. All in favor.

32 ARBOR STREET

Chris MacKenzie met with the board on behalf of the owner. This system is also in failure. The variance requested is offset to wetland: 100 feet to 61 feet. This system is being located in the best possible location on the site.

After discussion and on motion by Fortin and second by Passios, the variance was approved. All in favor.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Jeff Mendoza and Maureen Dupuis, members of the Agricultural Commission met with the Board to discuss the upcoming Farmers Market. They questioned the process and permits required for vendors. Chairman Emond responded that food service is handled through Nashoba Associated Boards of Health. The sanitarian at Nashoba that handles food service is Bridgette Braley and she can issue the permits as necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm

SEPTIC SYSTEM GRANT

Chairman Emond discussed the history of this grant. At this point in time there are two options for the use of this money, either in the repair/ maintenance of a current system or in the re-loaning of the funds to Lunenburg town residents. In addition, management of the grant can be internal or through an outside agency.

Dave Passios discussed the criteria for lending the money to residents, as follows:

1. Defining a needs area
2. Establishing income criteria
3. Whether the program would include utilizing the funds for tie into sewer.

4. Loan would be repaid on conveyance.
5. There must a Title 5 Inspection completed showing a failed system and certified by the Board of Health.
6. If sewer connection where included in the loan program, betterment fees could not be included.

After discussion, Chairman Emond appointed Dave Passios to do further investigation and report back to the board at their next scheduled meeting on June 1, 2015.

Meeting adjourned 7:45 pm